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## Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 32 and 38-43, but rejected claims 17, 19-20, 31, 33-35, and 37. By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has canceled claims 17, 19-20, 31, 33-35, and 37. As a result, only allowed claims 32 and 38-43 are pending in the application.

As a procedural matter, Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Interview Summary dated May 28, 2008. In the Interview Summary, the Examiner indicated that he had sent an email to the Applicant on May 23, 2008. This email notified the Applicant that the Amendment filed on May 12, 2008 had been received and entered in the system and would be reviewed by the Examiner. Applicant has not provided a separate record of this communication as there was no substantive discussion between the Examiner and the Applicant regarding the application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved via a telephone conference, Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned to discuss such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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